

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 21ST, 2010**

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NO SHEET**

MCDOWELL CALLED MEETING TO ORDER.

MCDOWELL REQUESTS THAT THE ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE RENEWAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES BE DEFERRED TO AT LEAST THE NEXT MEETING, AND THE CITY CLERK, CITY TREASURER AND THE CITY COMPTROLLER COME TO AN AGREEABLE SOLUTION THAT WOULD TAKE CARE OF AN AUDITING ISSUE. MCDOWELL ASKED IF THIS WOULD BE ALRIGHT WITH THE 3 PARTIES. MCDOWELL STATED “THAT HE DIDN’T WANT TO MAKE A BIGGER DEAL OUT OF THIS THAN IT ALREADY IS.” MCDOWELL SAID “IT’S SIMPLY TO TAKE CARE OF AND AUDITING ISSUE THAT WAS BEEN RAISED, IT’S NOT TO RAISE QUESTION ABOUT ANYONE OR ANYBODIES OPERATION. A QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED AND IT’S A COMMON PRACTICE, NOT NECESSARILY WHAT NEEDS TO BE.”

MCDOWELL TURNED OVER TO PARTNEY. PARTNEY SAID THAT HE WENT TO THE CLERKS OFFICE AND VIEWED THE PROCESS AND FOUND NOTHING WRONG WITH THE PROCEDURE, AND STATED “WHY FIX SOMETHING THAT NOTHING WRONG WITH, THE CLERK’S DONE THIS FOR YEARS.” PARTNEY ASKED “WHO BROUGHT THIS UP”. MCDOWELL STATED THAT HE BELIEVED THE AUDITOR HAD. MCDOWELL SAID “I THINK IF EVERYONE COULD MEET THAT WE COULD POSSIBLY DO THIS WITHOUT A BIG TA DO.”

CLERK WHITAKER SAID SHE JUST HATED DRAW THIS OUT, “I WOULD LIKE TO ASK A COUPLE QUESTIONS OF SCOTT ONEY.” CLERK WHITAKER ASKED “DO YOU AGREE WITH EVERYTHING THAT THE AUDITOR SAYS, AND HAS THERE BEEN ANY PROBLEM WITH THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE RECEIPTING ANY TYPE OF BUSINESS LICENSE?”

ONEY ANSWERED, “NO TO THE FIRST QUESTION, TO THE SECOND QUESTION HE DOESN’T HAVE ANY ISSUE, IT’S AN AUDITING ISSUE.”

MCDOWELL SAID AGAIN THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO GET THE ISSUE SETTLED, TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED.

SCHMIDTKE SAID “HE DOESN’T UNDERSTAND WHY TRYING TO CHANGE SOMETHING THAT WORKS SO WELL. WHY NOT JUST LEAVE IT AS IS.”

MCDOWELL SAID THAT THE ISSUE NEEDS TO BE RESOLVED.

ONEY ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL ABOUT AN INVOICE THAT WAS BILLED TO THE CITY, AND WAS SUPPOSED TO BILL TO SANTA HOUSE. IT WAS TAKEN OFF THE BILL LIST.

MCDOWELL ASKED WAS THE SANTA CABIN PROFIT OR NON FOR PROFIT. CLERK WHITAKER RESPONDED IT’S A NON FOR PROFIT, AND EXPLAINED THE TYPE. MCDOWELL SAID IT’S A NOT FOR PROFIT BUT NOT REGISTERED, AND YOU HAVE TO PAY SALES TAX. CLERK WHITAKER RESPONDED YES. CLERK WHITAKER EXPLAINED HOW THE INCIDENT HAPPENED. AN ORDER HAD BEEN PLACED AND WAS SUPPOSE TO BE BILLED TO SANTA HOUSE IN CARE OF JUDY WHITAKER AT CITY HALL, AND BECAUSE THE CITY HAS ORDERED FROM THIS COMPANY FREQUENTLY, THE COMPANY BILLED IN ERROR THE CITY OF GRANITE CITY. CLERK WHITAKER SAID THAT THE COMPANY HAD APOLOGIZED AND SENT AN EMAIL TO HER AND THE TREASURER’S OFFICE EXPLAINING THE BILLING ERROR.

MCDOWELL TURNED OVER TO JUNEAU. JUNEAU TALKED ABOUT BID ON ROCK RD. HANKS EXCAVATING GOT THE BID FOR \$ 569,526.05, AND WOULD LIKE TO PUT ON THE AGENDA, AND A COMPLETION DATE OF JUNE 13TH, 2010, ALSO HE TALKED ABOUT DETOURING OF TRAFFIC ON W 20TH ST, AND PROBABLY LOOK AS SOME OVERLAY ON THE ROAD. BIDS WERE VERY COMPETITIVE AND WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS.

MAYOR SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ABOUT W 20TH ST AT A LATER DATE.

MOTION BY MCDOWELL, SECOND SIMPSON, FOR CONSIDERATION TO PUT ON THE AGENDA TONIGHT AS DISCUSSED BY JUNEAU. MOTION CARRIED.

JUNEAU ASKED IF HE COULD GET PAY OUT ON 2 INVOICES THAT WERE THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY PASSED, MANHOLE WORK ON BENTON FOR \$3,919.65 AND PARTIAL REPAIR ON YALE FOR \$4,300 REQUEST FOR EARLY RELEASE IS \$8219.65.

MORE DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL ON THESE 2 INVOICES. JUNEAU ASKED EARLY RELEASE ON INVOICE \$6144 AND \$6169 FOR THE TOTAL OF \$8,219.64 TO BE PUT ON THE AGENDA.

JUNEAU DISCUSSED IN THE PACKETS IS SUMMERY DEALING WITH SEWER BRAKES 2010 SUMMERY AT ESTIMATED THAT BEGINNING WORK WOULD BE AT \$1,364,575.5. THE LOST BIDDER CAME IN AT \$1,246,317.65 AND WITH CURRENT WORK AND SEWER BREAKS WE ARE AT \$1,415,151.15 ALL IN THE PACKET THAT THE COUNCIL HAS.

JUNEAU ALSO ASKED THAT HE WOULD NEED 5 MIN OF THE COUNCILS TIME AT A THE NEXT MEETING.

MOTION BY MCDOWELL, SECOND BY SIMPSON TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.